

Appl. No. 10/717,559
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REMARKS

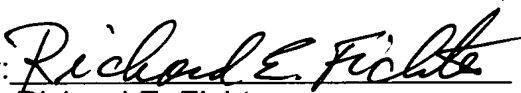
The Official Action is a restriction requirement in which it is urged that there are two separate and distinct inventions claimed in this application. Applicants elect the Group I invention which includes claims 1-13, without traverse. It is further urged that the application contains claims directed to the patentably distinct species as defined on page 3 of the outstanding Official Action. Applicants elect the species of the first compound in claim 2, i.e., R_2 is OCOCH_3 . Claims 14-23 have been canceled from the present application in view of the outstanding Official Action. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected inventions at a later time.

Claim 1 has been amended to delete the term " $\text{C}=\text{O}$ " and to add the term " $=\text{O}$ " in the first line following formula (I). Applicants submit that this amendment is fully supported by the specification as originally filed (see page 15, compound K3, K4a and K6a) and no new matter is introduced. The specification has been similarly amended.

Claims 1-13 are readable on the elected invention.

In view of the election of the Group I invention and election of species, without traverse, an early and favorable action on the merits is now believed to be in order and is most respectfully requested.

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